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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themſelves on Board His Majeſty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for diſcovering ſuch Seamen as ſhall conceal themſelves; for pardoning ſuch Seamen as have deſerted, and ſhall return into the Service; and alſo for taking up all ſtraggling Seamen.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS for the ſpeedy Manning of Our Fleet, We did, by Our Order in Council of the Fourteenth of April laſt, amongſt other Things, direct, that the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and of Thirty Shillings for every Able Bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, ſhould be continued to be paid, immediately after the firſt Muſter, to ſuch Seamen and Landmen reſpectively, who ſhould, on or before the Second Day of June next, enter themſelves in the Royal Navy; and that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhould likewiſe be continued to be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhould, on or before the ſaid Second Day of June next, diſcover any concealed Seamen, ſo that ſuch Seamen ſhould be taken for Our Service. —— And whereas Our Service doth at this Time require a more ſpeedy Supply of Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, to ſerve on Board Our Ships of War, and it being Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all ſuch Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves in Our Service: We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to revoke that Our former Order, and in lieu thereof to publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby promiſe and declare, That the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every ſuch Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And alſo that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And that the ſaid reſpective Sums be paid to all ſuch Seamen and Landmen upon their being brought on Board Our Ships at any of Our Dock Yards in England, by the Clerks of the Cheque, or upon their being put on Board any Ship or Veſſel appointed to receive Men at Leith or Greenock in Scotland, or at Dublin or Corke in Ireland, by the Captains or Commanders of the Ships or Veſſels whereinto ſuch Seamen or Landmen ſhall be put, or by the Sea Officer employed in raiſing Men on Shore. And for Prevention of any Abuſes by any Perſons leaving the Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and entring themſelves on Board any other Our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty-Money; We do hereby declare and command, That ſuch Seamen or Landmen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Veſſels, as ſhall abſent themſelves from any of the ſaid Ships or Veſſels, to which they ſhall belong, and enter themſelves on Board any other of Our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ships or Veſſels they ſhall leave, but alſo be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further promiſe and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhall be paid any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any Seaman or Seamen who may ſecret themſelves, ſo that ſuch Seaman or Seamen ſhall be taken for Our ſaid Service, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raiſing Men: The ſaid Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen ſo diſcovered and taken, in and about London, by the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy; and, at the Out Ports, by the Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raiſing

raiſing Men on Shore; immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raiſing Men on Shore reſpectively, by the Perſon who may make Diſcovery of any Seaman or Seamen as aforeſaid, certifying his Name, and the Name or Names and Number of Seamen procured in Conſequence of his Diſcovery; and the ſaid Certificate to be given by ſuch Officer as may take ſuch Seaman or Seamen for Our Service. And as an Encouragement to ſuch Seamen who may have deſerted from Our Ships to return to the Service, We do promiſe Our moſt gracious Pardon to all ſuch as ſhall repair on Board any of Our Ships or Veſſels by or before the Third Day of July next; and alſo to all ſuch who have deſerted, but are now belonging to ſome one of Our Ships, (in which Ship they are hereby permitted to continue.) And We do hereby further Declare, that ſuch Seamen who have abſented themſelves from any of Our Ships, and ſhall render themſelves on Board the ſame, or any other of Our Ships of War, by or before the Time abovementioned, ſhall not be proſecuted for ſuch their Deſertion; but that all ſuch Deſerters who ſhall not, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, render themſelves on Board ſome of Our Ships or Veſſels of War, or who ſhall hereafter abſent themſelves from the Ships to which they belong, without Leave from the Commanding Officer, ſhall be tried at a Court Martial, and being found guilty of deſerting at this Time, when their Country ſo much wants their Service, they ſhall be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy, and ſhall ſuffer Death according to Law. And We do hereby Require and Command, all Our Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magiſtrates of the ſeveral Shires, Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and all other Places within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, to give the ſtricteſt Orders and Directions to the Conſtables, and other inferior Civil Officers, to take up all ſtraggling Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall be of Health and Ability fit for Our Service, and ſend them by careful Conductors to a Sea Officer employed in raiſing Men on Shore, or to the neareſt Sea Port Town, in order to their being put on Board Our Ships of War: Which Conductors ſhall be paid by the ſaid Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of ſuch Ships to whom ſuch Seamen ſhall be delivered, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six-pence a Mile for each Man, for every Mile they may reſpectively travel. And We do hereby likewiſe require and command all Our ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magiſtrates, to receive all ſuch Seamen and Seafaring Men, who ſhall appear before them, and offer to enter as Volunteers on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, in caſe they are of Health and Ability fit for Our Service, and not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and to grant to each Seaman a Certificate of ſuch his Voluntary Offer, and to cauſe them to be conducted in like Manner and with the ſame Allowances as above directed with reſpect to ſtraggling Seamen; and the Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of ſuch Ships, to whom ſuch Volunteer Seamen ſhall be delivered, ſhall pay to every ſuch Seaman, after his being ſo put on Board, (upon producing the Certificate aforementioned) the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS to every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings to every Ordinary Seaman.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the Fifteenth Day of May, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, in the Thirty Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Conſtantinople, *April* 3. The Illuminations and Rejoicings for the Birth of a Princeſs, who was named Ibetula, or Given of God, which were limited to Seven Nights, were prolonged, by the Grand Seignor's Orders, to Ten. The fourth Day the Sultan rode through Pera with great Pomp, to viſit the Seraglio of his Pages. During theſe Rejoicings, the greateſt Order was preſerved in all Parts of the City, which may be attributed to the ſtrict Prohibition againſt ſelling Wine, or ſpirituous Liquors. The Raias, or Chriſtian Subjects, indulged themſelves in all Kinds of Diverſions, without any Manner of Reſtraint; and the whole terminated with three Nights Fireworks, exhibited on the Canal before the Seraglio. It is confidently ſaid, that two other Sultanas are pregnant.

Landſhut, *May* 4. General Fouquet having found it impracticable to deſtroy the Auſtrian Magazine at Hoff in Moravia, retired to his former Station at Leobſchutz, in order to cover Neiſſe, and the Country about it, after having made in that Expedition 260 Priſoners, with the Loſs only of two Men. The King of Pruſſia went in Perſon from hence early in the Morning of the 29th, and arrived at Neiſſe that Day. General de la Ville was poſted on the Heights behind Neuſtadt, and decamped that Evening, and placed himſelf behind Ziegenhals and Zugmantel. His Pruſſian Majeſty joined General Fouquet the next Day, the 30th, at Deutſch-Kamitz, and marched the Day after towards the Enemy, who hath decamped at Two in the Morning; ſo that that Expedition ended in an Affair of the Rear guard.

Hague, *May* 8. The Army under the Command of Prince Henry of Pruſſia is actually in Motion, and, it is ſuppoſed, would enter Franconia by Hoff on the 7th Inſtant, in order to act againſt the Army of the Empire, commanded by the Prince of Deux Ponts, who had drawn the greateſt Part of his Force towards Culmbach. In the mean while, a large Detachment from Prince Ferdinand's Army was arrived on the 4th Inſtant, within a forced March of Bamberg, which will cauſe a conſiderable Diverſion. The French upon the Mein have attempted nothing, ſince the Affair of Bergen.

Hague, *May* 11. The French on the Lower Rhine are ſtill in Quarters of Cantonment; but it is expected they will encamp in the Courſe of this Month. Marſhal Contades has fixed his Head Quarters at Duſſeldorp. Their largeſt

Camp

Camp upon the Rhine is to be in that Neighbourhood: Several others are marking out from Rees up to Cologne.

The Allied Army about Munſter is ſtill in Cantonment, and that of Prince Ferdinand of Brunſwick remains at Ziegenhayn. The Detachment he has ſent into Franconia will be at the Gates of Bamberg To-morrow, whilſt Prince Henry has entered into that Country in three Columns.

The King of Pruſſia having attempted nothing farther on the Side of Moravia, ſince General de la Ville's Retreat, his Majeſty is returned back to Landſhut.

Admiralty Office, May 14.

His Majeſty's Ship the Surprize, commanded by Captain Antrobus, on the 17th of laſt Month, in Lat. 48 00. North Long. 20 36 W. chaced, and took the Le Vieux, a French Privateer of Bordeaux, mounting 8 Guns, with 36 Men.

In laſt Saturday's Gazette, in the Paragraph of News from the Admiralty Office, for, Letters of the 28*th of July* from Vice-Admiral Cotes, read, Letters of the 28*th of February*, &c.

Whitehall, May 11, 1759.

HIS Grace the Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant, General, and General Governor of Ireland, doth hereby ſignify his Pleaſure, That all ſuch Officers of His Majeſty's Forces upon the Eſtabliſhment of Ireland, as are abſent, and not on the Recruiting Service, do repair immediately to their reſpective Poſts in that Kingdom.

By his Grace's Command,
Rich. Rigby.

Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.

MY Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outragious Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships, as well Engliſh as Neutral, ſailing in the Engliſh Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Veſſels being or pretending to be Engliſh Privateers:

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect and bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of ſuch Piracies and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Diſhonour thereof) are pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Acts of Piracy as aforeſaid, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of ſuch Offences as aforeſaid are greatly encouraged by divers Perſons as Acceſſaries thereto, who knowingly aſſiſt, maintain, councel, or adviſe the Committing of ſuch Acts of Piracy, and alſo by Perſons who receive Goods ſo piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed ſuch Robberies:

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect or bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of ſuch laſt mentioned Offences, are pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Offences laſt mentioned, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which ſaid reſpective Rewards before mentioned, ſhall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatſoever, by Samuel Seddon, Eſq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of ſuch Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the ſaid Offenders, (other than and except the reſpective Commander or Commanders of any ſuch Piratical Ships or Veſſels) who ſhall diſcover any one or more of the ſaid Offenders, ſhall, on the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders ſo diſcovered, be intitled to His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Pardon.

And their Lordſhips do alſo promiſe to grant, upon Requeſt, to every Perſon, being a Seaman, (who by making any ſuch Diſcovery or Diſcoveries, as aforeſaid, ſhall be intitled to either to the Whole, or to any Part or Parts of any of the above-mentioned Rewards) an abſolute Protection, to prevent his being impreſſed into His Majeſty's Sea Service, during this preſent War with France.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, May 10, 1759.

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to eſtabliſh certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: Theſe are to give Notice, that Copies of the ſaid Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy at Chatham, Portſmouth, and Plymouth; as alſo with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerneſs; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinſale; where all ſuch Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the ſaid Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpoſe. But ſuch Widows as live at too great a Diſtance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Charles Fearne, at the Admiralty Office, who will ſend them all neceſſary Information. And the Governors of the ſaid Charity intending to diſtribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of Auguſt 1732, as well as to the Widows of thoſe who died ſince that Time, whoſe Circumſtances come within the Rules of the Eſtabliſhment, ſuch Monies as may be due to them on the 31ſt of May Inſtant; This is to give Notice thereof, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do ſo as ſoon as poſſible; and that all ſuch Widows whoſe Claims have been already allowed, may ſend or bring to this Office, by the 31ſt of this Inſtant, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Penſion or Bounty.

Newcaſtle-Houſe, May 15, 1759.

Whereas at a Meeting held at Mr. Lambe's in Pall Mall, on Saturday the 24th of March laſt, in Purſuance of an Advertiſement in the London Gazette, to receive the Names of ſuch Gentlemen as were qualified to ſerve as Officers, and willing to accept Commiſſions in the Militia of the County of Middleſex, a ſufficient Number did not then offer, nor have ſince that Time offered themſelves to accept Commiſſions in the ſaid Militia, Notice is hereby given by His Majeſty's Lieutenant, that all farther Proceedings for raiſing the Militia for the ſaid County, are hereby ſuſpended until next Year.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Whereas